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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, which the Examiner may deem relevant to the patentability of the above-identified application.

The USPTO has waived the requirements under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(I) to submit copies of U.S. Patent and U.S. Patent applications, publications when citing and submitting an Information Disclosure Statement in a patent application filed after June 30, 2003, and International Application that have entered the National Stage under 37 U.S.C. 371 after June 30, 2003. Accordingly, copies of these types of documents are not being supplied in connection with this application. Reference is being made to PRE-OG Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration dated July 25, 2003, stating an Information Disclosure Statement may be filed without copies of U.S. patent and published applications for patent applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO-1449. The references contained in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in the attached International Search Report (EP) dated April 9, 2004, in counterpart International Application No. PCT/US03/31906.

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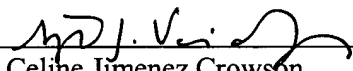
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	6,579,242 B2	06/17/03	Bui, et al.	600	537	11/09/01
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FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATION

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	PUBLISHED DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	ABSTRACT	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	PCT International Search Report dated April 9, 2004 for International Application No. PCT/US03/31906

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